

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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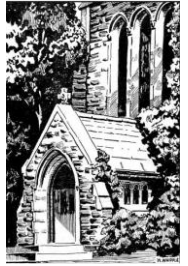
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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM PENTECOST 22 - PROPER 25 25 OCTOBER 2026

*God calls us the people of St. Luke's
to open wide our doors in the name of Christ:
To all who are young or old and need counsel:
To all who are strong and want a task;
To all who are lonely, weak or mourn and need comfort;
To all who are sinful and need a Savior;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are left out and need acceptance;
To all who are grateful and need a place to give thanks and pray;
To all who are called by worship of the Lord into community outreach;
To all in Christ's name we say "WELCOME."*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Opening Acclamation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (*Congregation recites together.*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray: *(Silence is appropriate.)* Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings from the Scripture.)

The Hebrew Testament

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- ² **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**
- ³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- ⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**
- ⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- ⁶ **In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- ¹³ Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- ¹⁴ **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- ¹⁵ Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- ¹⁶ **Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**
- ¹⁷ **May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from

mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #517

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Brother James' Air

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to thee, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We are to love God with our whole being, and love others as much as we love ourselves. In love and trust, let us pray to our God. We pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and St. John's Episcopal Hospital.

Holy God, give us the courage to tell out your truth without fear, and to work for your kingdom with joy. Thank you for the support and love of other Christians, and the richness of our varied traditions. May we focus our attention on you with such love that all unnecessary divisions between us crumble.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

Holy God, we pray for our law makers and keepers; may our laws work to uphold what is just and true. We pray that we may live in Godly peace and goodwill through choice, rather than through fear of punishment; through the desire to live well, rather than avoiding detection.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

Holy God, in all our day-to-day living may we reject deceit and flattery, so that our motives and behavior are honest, and our love for one another clear as the day.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

Holy God, we pray for all law breakers and their families; for those in prison and those returning to the community. We pray for those imprisoned by guilt or shame, or trapped by physical frailty, illness or paralysis. We pray for those whose lives are tragically disrupted by war, natural disasters, famine, poverty and disease. We remember those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces, and all those affected by violence and war. We pray for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran, Russia, Sudan, and all troubled areas of the world.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

Holy God, we remember those who, dying in faith, rejoice to see you as you are. Today we remember *Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stilwell, Sr. and Harold Stilwell, Jr.*, in whose loving memory the altar flowers have been given to the glory of God *by Jonda Stilwell*. We thank you for their example and commend them to your peace for ever.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

Holy God, we give you thanks for the love poured out to us each moment of each day, and ask of you the grace to live our gratitude and give freely of what we have freely received. This week we celebrate those who have birthdays: *Fiona Fleming, Elizabeth Conlin, Jeff Sharp, Holden Agar, Elizabeth Meeks, Audrey Mansir*; and anniversaries.

You are the Lord: **there is no other.**

O God, you care for the widow and orphan, and you hear the cry of the poor. Listen also our cry; change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh with which to love you in truth and for your sake to show compassion on all your creatures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession, Absolution And Peace

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*) **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn LEVAS #74 *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

Ghana Folk Song

Presentation Prayer

All things come from thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I

BCP 333

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, almighty, everlasting God. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, world without end. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): “Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.” Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward.

Communion Anthem

You Shall Love the Lord Your God
Joy Jones, soloist

Davison/Lupinski

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

The Sending Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Eucharistic Minister: Marle McDonald-Aaron (Prayers), Charles Riggi (First Reading)

Second Reading: John Marshall Watson

Altar Guild: Jen Tarbet, Pat Wilson

*Wine used for communion today was donated
in loving memory of Timothy Kristich by Philip & Diane Tutino*

The Following Request Our Prayers For God's Loving and Healing Mercy:

*Ken Miller, Marguerite Kelly, Patricia Bennett, Diane Moore, Karen Barrow, Lorna Pile,
Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby, Terrance & Debra Ash, Mary Mason,
George Kneip, Tisha Bouboulis, Helen, Valerie Meinken, Sherri Martin, Anne,
George Shambaugh, Debbie, Everett Egginton, Hugh Tilney*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Is Back!

Sunday School begins each week at 9:45am in Hoie Hall for “*The Gathering*” with Fr. Ben. Classroom instruction for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade follows at 10:00am. Please contact Colleen Stonemetz, Director of Christian Education to register or for any for additional information at christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org or (631) 329-0990.

All Saints Day is coming

Please send in names of loved ones that you would like remembered to the Parish Office.

Bible Study—The Gospel According to Mark Part 2

Join Salvatore Tocci as we continue our in-depth study of Mark's Gospel on **Saturday, November 7th** starting at 9 AM in the Vestry room. We will read chapters 5-9 and discuss the teaching of Jesus and how Mark portrays Jesus as the suffering messiah whose identity is recognized by only one person in Mark's gospel. Only the demons recognize who Jesus is! Those not able to attend in person can join via Zoom by contacting Sal at stocci@aol.com.

Outreach Opportunity – East Hampton Food Pantry

Our helping hands are a way of sharing God's love and blessings for others.

Volunteers are always needed to pack bags, etc. The space is small so to avoid too many volunteers at once just call the day before or week ahead when you are available. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am -3pm (whenever is convenient for you).

Please contact EH Food Pantry 631-324-2300, they are located at 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton in the rear lot.

Mark Your Calendars

November 6 – EHHF Health Fair, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall

November 7 – Bible Study, 9:00am, Vestry Room

November 13 & 14 – Diocesan Convention

November 21 – Share the Harvest Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall

November 22 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 3 pm at the Jewish Center

November 28-December 1 – AIDS Quilt Memorial at St Luke's

The poster is for the AIDS Memorial Quilt presentation at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It features a central image of the church building, surrounded by a border of many small, colorful quilt squares. Above the image is a logo for 'Hamptons PRIDE NAMES PROJECT 2026'. Below the image is a red ribbon icon and the text 'SAVE the DATES'. The dates 'Sat, Nov 28th – Tues, Dec 1st' and the event 'Community Ceremony on Dec 1st @ 5pm' are listed. At the bottom, there are two QR codes, the website 'HamptonsPride.org', the 'WORLD AIDS DAY' logo with the date 'DECEMBER 1, 2026', and the website 'AIDS Memorial.org'. The background is dark blue.

Hamptons PRIDE NAMES PROJECT 2026

Quilts from The National AIDS Memorial Presentation

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunday Eucharist – 8 a.m. (Rite I) & 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Wednesday Eucharist Service - 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Saturday at St. Peter's Chapel (Memorial Day-Labor Day) - 5:30 p.m. (Rite II)

VESTRY

Brian Craig, Senior Warden, David Mellgard, Junior Warden
John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027)
Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)
John Allman, Lucy Kazickas, Eileen O'Reilly (2029)

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